signed between the two sides on April 11, 2005 during the recent visit of the Chinese Premier to India. During the visit, both sides further exchanged views on the China-India boundary question and reiterated their readiness to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution, through equal and friendly consultations and proceeding from the overall interests of bilateral relations. The two Prime Ministers expressed satisfaction over the progress made in the discussions between the Special Representatives on the boundry question and directed the two Special Representatives to continue their consultations with the objective of arriving at an agreed framework for a boundry settlement, which will provide the basis for the delineation and demarcation of the China-India boundary to be subsequenty undertake by civil and military officials and surveyors of the two sides. The two sides expressed the conviction that an settlement of the boundry question will advance the basic interests of the two countries and should therefore be pursued as a strategic objective. They reiterated the need to seek an early clarification and confirmation of the line of actual control through the mechanism of Joint Working Group. A "Protocol on Modalities for the Implementation of Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas" was also concluded.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

4486. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Agro and Rural industries set up by availing margin money under the "Margin Money Scheme" launched by KVIC, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the quantum of margin money under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 186252 village industry units have been set up under the Government's Rural Employment Generation

Programme (REGP) (also known as Margin Money Scheme), implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), by entrepreneurs who have availed of margin money assistance since the introduction of the scheme on 1 April 1995 upto 31 March 2004. The State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b), does not arise.

(d) The existing rates of margin money assistance under the REGP are considered to be adequate to promote employment through establishment of village industries.

Statement

State-wise details of village industry units set up under the REGP since 1 April 1995 to 31 March 2004

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Village industry units set up (number)
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	12870
2	Arunachal Pradesh	379
3	Assam	2207
4	Bihar	846
5	Goa	2301
6	Gujarat	1098
7	Haryana	5109
8	Himachal Pradesh	1905
9	Jammu & Kashmir	6634
10	Karnataka	13159
11	Kerala	8427
12	Madhya Pradesh	18523
13	Maharashtra	19911
14	Manipur	738
15	Meghalaya	3147
16	Mizoram	908
17	Nagaland	4790

1	2	3
18	Orissa	3166
19	Punjab	9603
20	Rajasthan	25897
21	Sikkim	147
22	Tamilnadu	5816
23	Tripura	433
24	Uttar Pradesh	15515
25	West Bengal	17223
26	Andaman & Nicobar	416
27	Chandigarh	148
28	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	15
29	Delhi	219
30	Lakshadweep	10
31	Pondicherry	949
32	Chhattisgarh	1131
33	Jharkhand	818
34	Uttranchal	1794
	TOTAL	**186252**

PMRY in Madhya Pradesh

†4487. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some districts of Madhya Pradesh are lagging behind in achieving their PMRY related targets;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof;

(c) the existing status thereof, State-wise;

(d) the amount allocated to Madhya Pradesh during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(e) the targets that have been fixed in this regard; and

(f) the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.